

YEAS—Messrs. Beasley, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Dickson, Durant, Graham, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, and Weatherford—16.

NAYS — Messrs. Boyd, Branch, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Erath, Finlay, Guinn, Houston, Obenchain, Shelley, Shepard, and Wheeler—12.

The rule was then suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed, Messrs. Boyd, Crawford [of Jasper], Darden, Erath, Houston, Obenchain, Shelley, Shepard, and Wheeler voting nay.

The Senate thereupon adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Monday, December 30, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

A message from the House announced the passage of the following bills:

Senate's bill to amend the 110th section of an Act to regulate proceedings in the county courts pertaining to estates of deceased persons with amendments. Amendments concurred in.

Senate's bill to authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds, &c., in the Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Cherokee Nations of Indians.

Senate's bill for relief of Mrs. Martha Brenan.

Senate's bill for relief of Eastern Texas Railroad Company.

Mr. Harcourt presented the petition of sundry citizens of Colorado County asking repeal of estray law. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Weatherford, Chairman of Committee on Private Land Claims, reported the following bills and recommended their passage:

Bill for relief of Joseph P. Sneed, assignee of Thomas Grubbs, with an amendment: strike of "1 league" and insert "1/3 league."

Bill for relief of John Thomas, assignee of D. Murphy.

Bill for relief of J. A. Ruiz and A. R. de Herrera.

Mr. Lea, Chairman of Committee on Finance, reported a bill to provide for the funding of the debt contracted for the protection of the frontier as follows:

"This bill is respectfully submitted as part of a series of financial measures embracing the House bill and other propositions under consideration. As other parts shall

be matured they will be reported so that the Senate may be considering some of the measures without delay for others. They will be prepared and presented with all possible dispatch, probably as fast as may be desirable for action of the Senate in connection with its other business, and at an early day, before the completion of details in full, the committee expect to report a general outline of its view of measures as most eligible under existing circumstances."

Mr. Casey, Chairman of Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill providing for the recovery of the arms belonging to the State and recommended its passage.

Mr. Burnett, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor:

Bill to authorize the payment of audited scrip against the County of Cameron, &c., &c.

Bill authorizing the Governor to appoint an agent to the Alabama and Coushatta Indians.

Bill supplementary to an Act to incorporate the West Fork Bridge Company.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, reported a substitute for a bill to provide for printing the laws and journals and recommended its adoption and passage. On motion the report was taken up, and substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill changing the boundaries of Kaufman County. Read 2nd time and ordered to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Durant offered joint resolution in relation to the culture of cotton in this State. Read 1st time.

A bill to create a hospital fund. Read 2nd time on amendments of House, Nos. 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9 concurred in, Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, and 10 refused.

A bill to amend the 4th and repeal the 6th section of an Act to regulate the public printing, approved November 22, 1849. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill suspending all Laws of Limitations, &c. Read 2nd time, substitute of committee adopted, and further consideration postponed until Wednesday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

A message from the House announced that they had concurred in Senate's resolution to adjourn *sine die* on the 13th of January, 1862.

A bill to attach the Counties of Clay and Wichita to

the County of Montague. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill providing for the transfer of all suits and matters in the late United States District Courts to the appropriate courts of the Confederate States. Read 2nd time and ordered to a 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill supplemental to an Act incorporating the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and to the several amendments thereto. Read 2nd time, report of Committee recommending amendments adopted.

Mr. Selman offered the following amendment: "that said railroad shall be so constructed as to cross the Sabine River at or within two miles from Haynes Ferry, it shall run thence to the town of Tyler in Smith County, or within one mile of the court house therein, thence across the Trinity River, whenever the said company may think proper, so as to cross as near as practicable where the line of 32° north latitude crosses that river," upon which the yeas and nays stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyd, Graham, Guinn, Mitchell, Obenchain, Parsons, Selman, Weatherford, and Wheeler—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Beasley, Branch, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Durant, Harcourt, Houston, Lea, Moore, Reed, Scarborough, and Shepard—15.

Mr. Selman offered the following amendment: "that all bona fide stockholders shall not be effected by the last sale of chartered rights, privileges, and property belonging to the same, provided that each stockholder who wishes to avail himself of the protection given by this Act on or before the 1st day of April next shall pay into the Treasury of the company an amount pro rata to be estimated according to the stock held so as to reimburse the purchasers at said sale for the amount at which they bid off the chartered rights, &c., of said company." Laid on table.

Mr. Shelley moved to amend by striking out all of the bill after the words "Pacific Railroad Company" in section 5. Adopted. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A message was received from House announcing the passage of the following bills:

Bill to amend the first section of an Act authorizing the cancellation of patents. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Bill to provide for the payment of Captain Milton Webb's company of volunteers. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill to repeal an Act authorizing all forced sales of real estate and Negroes, &c., in the County of Nueces to be made in front of the Retama House in Corpus Christi. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to procure the investigation of the right of the State of Texas to the salt lake known as "El Sal del Rey." Read 2nd time, substitute of committee adopted. Bill ordered to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Memphis, El Paso, and Pacific Railroad Company. Read 2nd time.

Mr. Erath offered the following amendment: Strike out all in 1st section after the words "provided further" and insert "that hereafter said railroad company shall be entitled to lands only under the provisions of the general railroad laws, and all that portion of a reservation heretofore held by said company, which has not been surveyed and sectionized at the time of the passage of this Act, shall be perfected and relinquished by said company and be hereafter subject to sale, entry, and location as other public domain at the expiration of 6 months after the close of the war."

Mr. Crawford of Fannin moved to lay amendment on table. Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Durant, Guinn, Harcourt, Lea, Moore, Scarborough, and Selman—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Erath, Cook, Finlay, Graham, Hartley, Houston, Obenchain, Parsons, Shelley, Shepard, Weatherford, and Wheeler—16.

The bill was then recommitted to Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill granting land to soldiers was reported correctly engrossed. Read third time and passed.

Mr. Hartley introduced a bill to provide for applying the taxes of Galveston County to payment of certain monies advanced for public purposes. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Shelley, from Committee on Judiciary, reported two bills as a substitute for bill to permanently establish the boundaries of the counties lying between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande, viz.:

A bill to define the boundaries for the organization of McMullen County. Read 1st time.

A bill to define the boundaries of Live Oak County. Read 1st time.

A bill for relief of J. Thomas, assignee of D. Murphy. Read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow A. M.

Tuesday, December 31, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

Bill to amend an Act to ascertain and adjudicate certain legal claims for land against the State situated between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande, approved February 16, 1860. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend the 1st and 10th sections of an Act to authorize the sale of the public domain. Read 1st time, rule suspended. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule further suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to punish speculation in certain cases. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill authorizing and empowering the County Courts of Hill and Navarro Counties to convert to the use and benefit of said counties certain unmarked and unbranded cattle. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to confirm Bounty Land Warrant No. 1551 issued to Andrew Benner for 240 acres. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to prescribe the time, manner, and place of choosing Senators to the Congress of the Confederate States. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Joint resolution to provide for the purchase of powder. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Joint resolution providing for the sale of Oldham & White's Digest. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to consolidate in one and amend the several Acts incorporating the City of Houston. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill for relief of Thomas F. Smith. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.